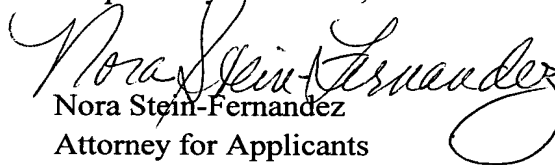


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/008390 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Entry of this amendment into the record is requested. Claims 3-10 and 13 have been amended. Claims 14-17 have been cancelled. New claim 18 has been added and is directed to a method of treatment comprising administering the compounds claimed herein.

Favorable reconsideration of claims 1-13, favorable consideration of new claim 18 and allowance of this application with claims 1-13 and 18 are earnestly solicited.

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